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**AMENDMENT** 

In response to the Office action of December 12, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure at page 10, lines 1-19, with the following rewritten Abstract:

-- A modified vacuum assisted wound closure system adapted for concurrent applications of phototherapy having a foam pad for insertion substantially into the wound site and a wound drape for sealing enclosure of the foam pad at the wound site. The foam pad [is modified to

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